इस्तीफा दिया कि नहीं? ...(व्यवधान)... यह शहीदों के नाम पर धोखाधड़ी है, मान्यवर।...(व्यवधान)...

MR. CHAIRMAN: The House is adjourned till 12 o'clock.

The House then adjourned at three minutes past eleven of the clock.

12.00 Noon

The House re-assembled at twelve of the clock,

MR. CHAIRMAN in the chair.

WRITTEN ANSWERS TO STARRED QUESTIONS

Power Projects in the Backward Districts

*322. PROF. M.M. AGARWAL: Will the Minister of POWER be pleased to state:

(a) the names and number of ongoing power projects in the backward districts of the country;

(b) the present status of the above power projects; and

(c) by when the above power projects are likely to be completed?

THE MINISTER OF POWER (SHRI SURESH PRABHU): (a) to (c) The Government of India had set up a Committee in February, 1997 to identify the 100 most backward districts in the country. Based on the districts identified by this Committee, following hydro and thermal ongoing power projects are in the backward districts of India. The details of such projects alongwith present status and likely date of completion is given below:

Name of the Project	State/ District	Capacity (MW)	Commissioning Schedule		Status
			Org.	Latest	
1	2	3	4	5	6
Hydro Central Sector					
Indira Sagar (NHDC)	M.P/ Khandwa	8×125	1997-2000	2004-05	Project being executed by Narmada Hydro Electric Development Corpn. A

1	2	3	4	5	6
					joint venture of Govt. of MP and NHPC with effect from 1.9.2001. Civil works in progress.
State Sector					
Chandil	Jharkhand/ Singbhum	2×4	1988-1990	2001-02	Dam completed. Out of 13 radial gates, 8 are erected. PH building almost completed. For penstocks, fabrication and erection completed. Erection of escape channel & cross & head regulator gates in progress.
North Koel $	Jharkhand/ Palamu	2×12	1988-1989	10th Plan	At present civil works by NPCC are at standstill since August, 1997 due to contractual and law & order problem. Dam completed upto crest level by Irrigation Deptt. of State Government.
Balimela Dam Toe PH	Orissa/ Koraput	2×30	1982-1983	10th Plan	Excavation of PH was held up since Nov., 1984 due to objection from Govt. of Orissa. Govts. of AP & Orissa have now decided for execution of project by OPCL as an IPP.
Private Sector					
Maheshwar	M.P./ Khargone and Khandwa	10×40	2001-2002	2003-05	Civil works awarded to M/S Southern Engg. Works Ltd., Hyderabad. Excavation of Dam, PH, TRT etc. are in progress. The basic infrastructure is already in place. Land acquisition and R and R works are in progress.

1	2	3	4	5	6
THERMAL					
Central Sector					
Kahalgaon STPP St. II	Bihar/ Bhagalpur	2×660	03/2007 01/2008	03/2007 01/2008	—
State Sector					
Parli TPS Extn. St.I	Maharashtra/ Beed	250	02/2005	02/2005	The investment approval has been accorded by Planning Commission on 9.2.2001. Land acquisition work is in progress.

$ Works of the project are held up.

Hunter Aircrafts

*323. SHRI C. M. IBRAHIM: Will the Minister of DEFENCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether the 'Hunter' a veteran aircraft of 1971 Indo-Pak War, made its last flight at the Air Force Day Parade 2001;

(b) if so, how many Hunters had been grounded that day; and

(c) the aircraft that is expected to take over the role of the 'Hunter' in the Air Force Fleet?

THE MINISTER OF DEFENCE (SHRI GEORGE FERNANDES): (a) to (c) The Hunter aircraft made its last flight on 8th October, 2001 (Air Force Day) when it was ceremoniously phased out during the Air Force Day Parade at the Air Force Station, Palam.

A total of eight Hunter aircrafts were phased out on 8th October, 2001. With that all Hunter aircrafts were phased out of service.

Another suitable aircraft has been assigned the role of Hunter in the Indian Air Force. However, details cannot be divulged due to reasons of national security.